

Application No. 10/044,896
Supplemental Amendment dated August 10, 2005
Reply to Office Action of May 19, 2005

REMARKS

Applicants request entry of this Supplemental Amendment and reconsideration of the rejection of the claims.

Applicants have amended claims 20-23 and 55-56. Applicants submit the amendments are supported throughout the specification, including at page 5, lines 21-33 (para 0013) and page 6, line 3.

Applicants have added new claims 60-63. Applicants submit the new claims are supported throughout the specification, including at page 9 (para 0022) (pharmaceutical composition); page 81, para 0234 (cell line); and page 58, para 0172 (cell line).

Applicants have changed the status of claims 2, 4, 27 and 30 from withdrawn to original. The Examiner's supervisor indicated that these claims would now be searched and examined in view of the allowability of claim 1 and claim 24.

Interview Summary

Applicants thank Examiner Kim and Examiner Nolan for the interview conducted on July 26, 2005. We discussed remaining issues with the claims after filing RCE. Examiner Nolan indicated claims 24-26 were no longer subject to a rejection and are allowable. Examiner Nolan suggested addition of "specifically binds" for claims 20-23. There was a discussion concerning possible lack of support for certain terms in newly submitted claims 55-59. Examiner Nolan suggested use of "host cell", "neutralize IFN- β " and "all IFN- γ " subtypes. I requested rejoinder of claims 2, 4, 27 and 30 upon allowance of generic claims 1 and 24.

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SUMMARY

In view of the foregoing, Applicants believe that the claims are in condition for allowance and such action is respectfully requested. If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would advance the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

Respectfully submitted,

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